A list of the Criminal Courts requiring waiting sheds has been called for from the High Court.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jennies*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether the Government have issued orders for the construction of waiting rooms and sheds in the other criminal courts ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to the question is there. As regards the criminal courts, a list requiring such waiting sheds has been called for from the High Court and the Government have not passed final orders.

Need for a Timber Depot at Pala or Erattupetta.

321. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what percentage of the logs of timber stocked in the Parampuzha depot is cut down from the Minachil taluk;

(*b*) what percentage of the logs of timber collected from Minachil taluk itself is cut down from the regions lying to the east of Pala; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the inhabitants of this taluk purchase timber in large quantities from the Government and that they are incurring great loss and experiencing inconvenience in taking it back from Parampuzha to their respective localities ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Approximately about 60 to 70 per cent of the teak logs supplied at the Parampuzha depot are collected from the Minachil taluk.

(*b*) About 35 to 40 per cent.

(*c*) The inhabitants of the Minachil taluk very rarely go to Parampuzha depot to purchase timber in auction sales.

Midday meals to poor students of the depressed classes.

322. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to deal with the question regarding the supply of midday meals to the poor students belonging to the depressed classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have carefully considered the question and have come to the conclusion that it is not feasible on financial grounds.

Namputiries and Public Service.

323. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jennies*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of applicants with requisite qualifications from the Namputiri community to the various departments of the State, and the number appointed during the past one year ending the 20th Minam 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the statistics as the time and labour involved in the collection will be out of all proportion to the possible utility.

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